

Adopt-A-Park

The Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail Program is a volunteer program that gives the community the opportunity to work with Norman Parks and Recreation to keep its parks/trails clean and attractive. The adopter(s) will be responsible for maintaining the parks/trails by picking up litter, maintaining beautification areas, painting, spreading playground mulch and/or other task approved by the Norman Park & Recreation Department.

General Information

- Any group or organization is welcome to Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail
- One year commitment of a full park or section of a park
- At least 4 events and/or projects per year
- Post-event report submitted to Parks Superintendent at Annual Report to Park board

Safety precautions

- Children under the age of 15 must have adult supervision
- Always wear proper safety attire
- Report any hazards or vandalism to Norman PD and/or Parks and Recreation Department
- Adequately hydrate volunteers during events
- Report suspicious behavior to Norman PD
- Notify park staff once an event/project has been planned
- Do not work at night or during hazardous weather conditions
- Do not block pathways or trails
- Do not use herbicide within the limits of the park for weed maintenance on turf or beds
- Have first aid kit on hand.

Park adoption Process/ Steps/Procedures

- Fill out an application and send to Norman Parks and Recreation
- Approval by park board/small presentation
- Award certification acceptance at city council meeting/Mayor
- Signage at your Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail

Expectations

Adopting a park isn't just about work; it's about fun! Your group's time at your adopted park could include a picnic, outdoor games, or a fishing outing (in some parks). Best of all, it's an opportunity to get to know one another better. Adoptive groups are asked to:

- Pick up litter and dog droppings
- Sweep court surfaces
- Sweep ramada areas
- Clean picnic tables
- Clean and rake children's play areas
- Remove graffiti
- Plant flowers or trees, if desired (plants and planting locations must be approved)

Groups are also asked to make note of:

- Vandalism damage
- Dirty restrooms
- Buildings or structures needing repair
- Unsafe Conditions

Adoptive groups are not expected to mow grass, pull weeds, clean restrooms or perform major repairs or maintenance.

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